



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final Disability Advisory Commission

Chair – Chenier Derrick
Vice Chair – Frances Reyes Acosta
Board Member – Susan Coulter
Board Member – Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon
Board Member – Reynaldo Villarreal
Board Member – Ronald Sheppard
Board Member - Vacant
ADA Coordinator – Joe Hinojosa
DAC Secretary – Diane Longoria

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

10:30 AM

In Person and/or Electronic,
Fresno City Hall, Room
2165N

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Derrick called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Of the 6 members 4 were present.

Present 4 - Susan Coulter, Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta, Chair Chenier Derrick, and Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon

Excused 2 - Reynaldo Villarreal, and Ronald Sheppard

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, seconded by Dhillon, the above Agenda was **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick and Dhillon

Excused: 2 - Villarreal and Sheppard

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 24-1359](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory Commission Minutes from September 10,

2024

On motion of Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, seconded by Dhillon, the above Minutes were **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick and Dhillon

Excused: 2 - Villarreal and Sheppard

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chair Reyes Acosta updated the commission regarding new company locations for California Connect. They have set up new service centers in Stockton and Sacramento. Vice Chair Reyes Acosta would like to advocate for a location here in Fresno. California Connect, also called the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program (DDTP), is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and is a public purpose program that allows consumers to connect with the world using functional equivalent equipment and services. The program's accessible products and services are fully subsidized. They provide communication access for Californians with hearing, vision, cognitive, mobility, and speech-related disabilities.

Chair Derrick made the following announcements:

- Disability Awareness Day at Fresno City College - University Mall, Wednesday, 10/23 from 9am-1pm.*
- Valley Center for the Blind is having an event - Fresno White Cane Day on Saturday, 10/19 from 9am-3pm at Inspiration Park.*

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria had nothing to report.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa announced the Department of Transportation will formerly adopt the Public Right-Away Guidelines (PROWAG).

6. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upon call no public comments were received.

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the subcommittee on matters not on this agenda. Your presentations are limited to three minutes per person. Please be aware that the subcommittee is generally legally prohibited from taking any action on information presented in unscheduled communication until subsequent meetings.

7. ACTION ITEM

[ID 24-1360](#) Approve DAC 2025 Meeting Dates/Times

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa reviewed with the Commission the proposed 2025 DAC Commission and Subcommittee meeting dates and times. Joe Hinojosa stated that the Housing Subcommittee members spoke at length and decided to disband the committee. However, the members agreed that any concerns that should arise about housing should still be addressed and merging this group with the DAC Regular Commission would be beneficial. The DAC Commission agreed to have this as a standing topic on the DAC Commission agenda.

On motion of Dhillon, seconded by Coulter to approve disbanding the Housing Sub-committee and have it merge with the DAC Regular Commission. All approved.

On motion of Dhillon, seconded by Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, the above Action Item was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick and Dhillon

Excused: 2 - Villarreal and Sheppard

[ID 24-1361](#) Review DAC 2024 Achievement Award Nominations

The DAC Awards Task Force received a total of 2 nominations.

(1) City of Fresno employee

(1) Individual

ADA Coordinator read the letters of support for the two that were nominated.

On motion of Dhillon, seconded by Derrick, the above Action Item (Individual Award) was APPROVED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

All approved except Coulter who abstained.

On motion of Dhillon, seconded by Coulter, the above Action Item (City of Fresno employee) was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

All approved except Chair Derrick who abstained.

Since a nomination was not made for an organization, the DAC Commission made a nomination for DHHSC for the 2024 Achievement Award.

On motion of Derrick, seconded by Dhillon, the above Action Item (Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center (DHHSC) organization) award was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

All approved the motion.

The 2024 Achievement Award recipients will be announced at the October 31 Council meeting.

On motion of Dhillon, seconded by Chair Derrick, the above Action Item was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick and Dhillon

Excused: 2 - Villarreal and Sheppard

Abstain: 1 - Coulter

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Derrick spoke briefly about a bus stop project. A customer service survey is now available and accessible online.

b. HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

Marla Williams thanked all the members of the Housing committee and looks forward to future discussions at the DAC Regular meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Disability Advisory Commission during the November 12, 2024 regular meeting.